

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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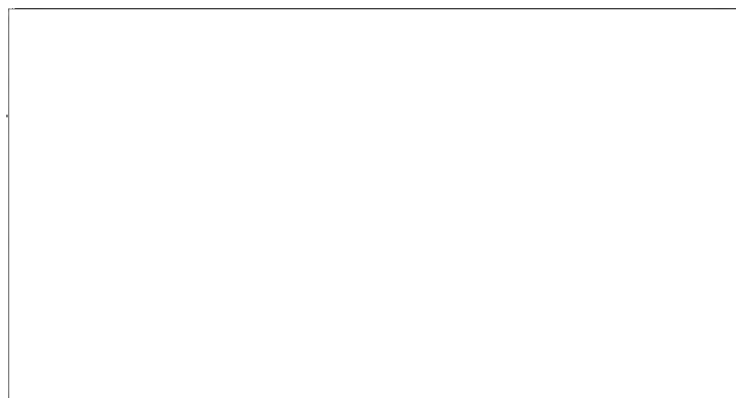
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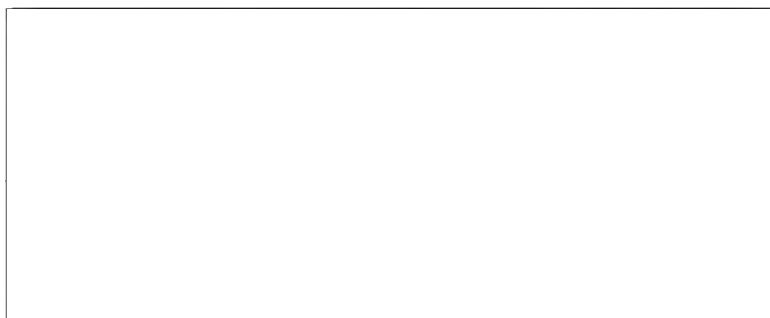


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e. Papandreou, back from London, is scheduled to talk to Makarios this weekend and may well urge caution on the archbishop.



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2. France

a. De Gaulle's chief thrust in yesterday's press conference was on "what an independent European policy could and should be."

b. Europe, in the general's grand design, must play a greatly expanded role not only in the Atlantic alliance but also in world affairs. He apparently intends to take initiatives which his European partners would feel obliged to support. The German Government has already reacted unfavorably.

c. De Gaulle also appealed over the heads of neighboring governments, asking their people to rally to his concept of a loose confederation of nation-states.

d. Not surprisingly the capabilities of France's nuclear strike force were painted in bright colors, as much to silence French critics as to impress his European audiences.

e. The call for a "Geneva" conference on all of Indochina will be welcome in Peiping.

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f. The Chinese will also be pleased by their inclusion as one of the major powers bearing direct responsibility "in the past and present fate of Vietnam." We note that this formulation enables De Gaulle to include France as well.

g. We doubt he seriously intends, given the state of the French budget, to follow through on his grandiose proposals for an expanded aid program for all of Indochina.

3. South Vietnam

a. With Viet Cong activity at record levels and Khanh distracted by his efforts to keep his associates under control, the question of "marching north" seems to be bringing on a new crisis.

b. Khanh remains at odds with General Minh and the generals who helped overthrow Diem, despite efforts to get them all to pull together.

c. Khanh is telling us and the British of his deep concern over evidence of popular passivity and war weariness. He seems convinced the people need a stimulant like carrying the action north in one way or another.

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d. Whether because Minh believes it or because he wants to undercut Khanh, he is making speeches which disagree with this.

e. The matter of Commodore Ky's press conference may be bringing the situation to a head.

4. Haiti

a. Duvalier, tormented by an inability to bring the rebels to bay, apparently has developed exaggerated ideas about their numbers and prowess.

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c. Distrustful of all connected with the affair, Duvalier has acted with his usual savagery. Many hostages have been killed, some by his own hand.

d. He blames most of his troubles on the US and threatens to close down our embassy once the rebels are beaten.

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5. Singapore

a. Press reports say that racial violence has eased today. The official death toll for three days of rioting stands at 19.

b. The Singapore police, though grateful for the quiet, anticipate that the trouble will persist, given the volatile nature of both the Malays and the Chinese and the willingness of toughs on each side to take advantage of every pretext for violence.

c. So far there have been no repercussions of this in Malaya itself.

NOTES

A. USSR Our analysis of Moscow's mid-year economic report indicates that the Soviet economic performance in the second quarter was worse than in the mediocre first quarter. One trouble, which the economic bosses have not yet solved, are the distortions which the high priority given the chemical industry and agriculture have introduced.

B. Congo Kindu, the capital of Maniema Province, has been occupied by rebel bands. Their next move is unknown, but they are four hours by truck from Stanleyville. The government has also lost additional ground in North Katanga. With this background Tshombé has arrived in Bukavu where the government's thin line of partisans are looking for him to pull off a miracle.

C. Jordan-Yemen Husayn has issued a royal decree recognizing the Yemeni Republic. This is another step in the growing rapprochement between Husayn and Nasir

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D. Afghanistan officials in Kabul have taken the position that Afghanistan could not now associate itself with regional cooperation arrangements

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- E. Iraq The abrupt nationalization decrees of ten days ago have sharpened political and religious tensions throughout Iraq. They have also made it harder for Arif to maintain the precarious balance between pro- and anti-Nasir elements which has kept him in power.

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- F. Brazil As expected, the extension of Castello Branco's term of office to March 1967 brought only minor outcries, most notably from Carlos Lacerda, a putative candidate. In general the step seems to have been favorably received by the public.

- G. Indonesia-Malaysia The Indonesians [REDACTED] are still training overseas Chinese from the Malay Peninsula and have every intention of sending them back onto the peninsula to set up "guerilla pockets." [REDACTED]

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USSR

a. Both packages from [] Mission [] have now been examined. Results are sparse because of extensive cloud cover.

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b. Two new missile launch facilities have been turned up, however, which may shed new light on the state of the Soviet air defense program.

c. One, in the early stage of construction, is at Cherepovets, about 200 miles north of Moscow. The other lies just to the west of Tallinn, Estonia.

d. Both have important similarities to a test area at Sary Shagan and to the facility northwest of Leningrad which had been suspected of being designed for an ABM role.

e. No new starts on ICBM launchers were noted. The photography also disclosed that construction work has stopped on six SS-7 hard launchers at the Gladkaya complex.

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